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To the right Honouable,
and my singular and veris good
Lord, the Lorde Robert
Dudley, Earle of Lei-
cester,
Baron of Denbigh, and knight
of the most noble order of
the garter.



THE CHIEFE
and principall thing
(most noble Earle)
appertaininge unto
euery Honorable
personage (which thing it is good
to see that your honour doth well
consider) is to walke in the Gar-
den of Humilitie, and the high or
direct waie to the same, is to passe

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by the gate of vertue, whole foundation is anchored and linked to the feare and loue of God. For as by the one is couered the multitude of sinnes: so by the other is obtained blessednesse, wisedome and knowledge. David that noble King and Prophet, after that hee had long traueiled, and passed thorough the gate of vertue, entered the faire and pleasant garden of Humilitie: whose walkinge and continuance therein so much pleased God, that God saide of him by the mouth of his prophet: *I will set vp thy seede after thee, which shall proceede out of thy bodie.* Which sentence, most worthie Earle (though not spoken of your Noble parentage)

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age) in your Honour may bee ap-
prooued, as I doubt not your Ho-
nour considereth. Knowing there-
fore (right Honourable) the greate
loue and affectiō which your honor
euer hath and dooth beare to good
letters, I was thereby moued the
more boldlie, after I had gather-
ed together this small handfull
of flowers (named the Alphabet
of prayers) to dedicate the same
to your Honour, as the fruites of
my laboures : nothing doubting,
but that it shall most acceptablie,
come into your fauourable and sure
protection. And forsomuch as prai-
er is the key that openeth to vertue,
I thought good, right Honourable,
to set foorth to the open viewe of

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the World, and to the increate of
vertue, this little volume or Trea-
tise, most humbly beseeching your
Honour to accept it accordinge to
my good will, crauinge your par-
don, if anything haue escaped me
for the want of learning. And I ac-
cordinge to my bounden duetie, shall
call dayly in most humble & hearty
prayers to Almightye God, to firish
that he hath begun in you, with pros-
perous preseruacion of your health,
long to liue in honor, ioy and
felicitie, Amen,

I.C. wisheth continuall health.

*It is good for everie estate,
These few lines to imitate.*

R Remember thy calling.
O Obey thy prince.
B Beware of ambition.
E Eschew i lenes.
R Regard thine estate.
T Take counsell of the wise.

D Deserve no euill rep rt.
V Use iustice.
D Defend the right.
L Let wisdom rule thee.
E Embrace honour.
Y Yeeld to truth.

To the Reader.

It is written, gentle Reader, that in the beginning, in the daies of Seth, the sonne of Adam, the people first began to innocate and cal vpon the name of God, that is to say, by deuout prayer they did require and aske all thinges of him, praised him, trusted in him, & gaue him the honor and worship belonging vnto him.

And this manner of praying was vled amongst the Fathers from Noe, vntil the coming of Christ: and they did frequent the same as a special meane and way to craue of God his mercie, his grace

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grace, and his assistance.

By prayer also they did set forth the Glorie of God, appeased his wrath and displeasure, and rendered him thanks for his benefits received. Christ our Saviour after his coming taught it also, as a most necessarie and comfortable doctrine, whereby we might craue of his heauenly father, not onlie all things necessary & requisite for vs (as appeareth in that prayer which hee taught his disciples:) but also forgiveness of sinnes, to the attainement of eternal life. And therefore may wee well saye, that as the vse thereof is worthy praise, so the want thereof is to be lamented: for where prayer is not

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not frequented, there God is not called vpon for his grace & assistance, neither is hee thanked for his gracious benefites, the free gifts of his mercie is not desired, neither is the horrible punishment of his iustice feared.

Right well therefore may wee in this our age (wherein sinne much aboundeth, and the ordinarie vse, tyme and place of prayer is so much neglected) lament the lacke and neglect thereof in all degrees, with the loose life of men, which are so frayle, so weake, so peruerse of nature, and so prone to euil, that almost none in manner shew any token of the feare of **G D D** in their conuersation, whose

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Whoe is aſſayde to offend him ?
Whoe refraineth to blaſpheme his
holp name ? Whoe ſeeketh to ſub-
due the fleſh to the ſpिरितe ? yea ra-
ther, Whoe ſeeketh not even to
draue out the bridle of libertie at
full length, freely & without ſtate
to follow ſinne, the cauſe whereof
(as I haue ſaid) is want of true
and vntained calling vpon God
by deuout prayer ? For by prayer
is wrought in vs the hate of ſin,
and thereby are driuen away from
vs all other occasions that might
prouoke the wrath of God
againſt vs And therefore it may be
called our ſpedie Meſſenger, or
truſtie amballaour which doth
obtaine for vs a gracious audien-

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ence before the Maiestie of God,
presenting to him the frutes of
our contrite and broken hearts.

But who may not now thinkest
thou (gentle Reader) rightly say
to the world, as Jonas said to the
Ainuites, There are yet fortie
daies and Ninive shall be destroyed.

The people no sooner heard the
Prophet denounce destruction to
come vpon them for their sinnes,
but immediatly, even at the first
crying of him, with trembling
and feare turned to God, belieued
in him, feared his iustice, confes-
sed their sinnes, and with penitent
hearts craved his mercie. But
thou, O England, whome it hath
pleased God to call, not by the
mouth

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mouth of one man, as he did the
Aminites. For hee hath called
thee by diuers & sundry meanes:
as first by giuing thee a most ver-
tuous Queene, who for her ser-
uing of God, and setting forth his
glorious name, may be compared
vnto Josiah King of Iuda: for
her vertuous policie and wisdom
with Judith, and for her care ouer
her people, with humble Hester.

Hee hath not (as I saie) called
thee, only by this his good gift of so
merciful and gracious a Queene,
but secondly also by the preachers
of his word, by death and famine:
by fire from Heauen, by motion of
warre: and lastly, by mortalitie
of pestilence: yet not withstanding

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(O England) thou regardest not
his calling. wherfore to thee it
maie bee thus saide: The more
God seeketh thee, the more thou
shunnest him. The more hee lo-
ueth thee, the lesse thou regardest
him. The more thou needest him,
the lesse thou thinkest on him. So
that by thy great unkindnesse,
G O D is compelled to say vnto
thee as hee said to the Israelites:
I am ouer-wearied with bearinge
and longe suffering of thy wicked
and sinfull liuing. If thou there-
fore desire to be free from the hor-
rible plagues and threatnings of
God, thou must (like a true Nini-
uite) with a broken and penitent
heart, call vpon God with conti-
nuall

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small prayer, craving of him his
mercy, grace, and assistance, which
if thou aske with a true faith, hee
will grant it thee. And therefore
when thou prayest, thou must
(according to the good counsell of
the Apostle) aske with a stedfast
faith, not wavering, nor doubting:
and thy request shall be granted
thee. He therefore that asketh
as he ought, receiveth: and he seeketh
well, that seeketh with continual
desire: and hee knocketh
right, who prouoketh Gods goodness
to heare him: as did the
woman of Canaan, vnto whome
Christ saide, after her petition
made: O woman great is thy faith:
hee it vnto thee euen as thou hast
desired.

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desired.

Thus (gentle Reader) if thou
lovie thy soules health, if thou long
to bee acceptable before God : if
thou desire to be sette free from the
the ginnes of the diuell, from the
frozmes of the woorld, from the
rage of thine Enemies : finallye,
if thou couer to be happie and bles-
sed, let no daie passe thee, but that
thou once at the least present thy
selfe before God by prayer : and
falling downe before him, with
an humble disposition of a deuout
minde (not from the mouth out-
wardly, but from the heart in-
wardely.) crie with the Prophet
Dauid : O Lord, the offences of
my youth, and mine ignorances

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remember not, but after thy mercy & goodnesse, O LORD, remember mee, Psal 2. 5. And thus the holy Spirit that prayeth for thee, and thine owne necessitie shall euerie houre put thee in minde what thou shalt pray for, & what thou shalt desire of God.

Whosoever therefore will persist and continue in Prayer, shall not onely growe more and more in Gods favour: but also daierly proceede further and further, from Vertue to Vertue, and shall be made like vnto the heauenlie and angelicall munes, which daierly beholde the presence of God. And because al the felicitie of the soule standeth in the cleare beholding,

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and ioyfull fruition of God: and
for that our felicitie shal bee euer=
lastinge with him, let vs reioyce
a say with the Prophet: Thou O
Lorde, shalt fill vs full of gladnesse
with thee, which is no more but
that our felicitie is fulfilled, in
the seeing and behoulding of God,
and our nature in Christ sittinge
in the heauen on the right hand of
his father: so that our rewarde is,
even to behoulde God, and Iesus
Christ his Sonne, whom he hath
sent: to the which reward he bring
vs that sitteth there and prayeth
for vs, even Christ Iesus, who
dearely bought vs, Amen.

Certaine sentences set forth
in order alphabe-
ticall.

Aske with a sure faith.

Pe seruent in praier.

Confesse thy sinnes.

Doe wel to all men.

Enuie no man.

Forgiue them that hate thee.

Giue almes to the poure.

Hurt not thine enimie.

In aduersitie be patient.

Keepe the commandementes.

Loue vertue, and hate vice.

Mourne with them that mourne.

Neuer be ashamed of wel doing.

Obey God and thy prince.

Put the feare of God before thee.

Quicken thy selfe in Gods promises.

Remember the end y^er thou begin.

Succour the poore and needie.

To al men be indifferent.

Vse often and hartly praier.

¶ When you begin to pray; think
vpon the remission of sinnes
promised in Christ Iesu; and let
not this sweete sentence. spo-
ken of our Saviour be left out
of your remembrance: namely,
I say vnto you, whatsoeuer you ask
the father in my name, he will giue
it you. Matth. 7. 7. & 21. 22. Marke,
11. 24. Luke, 11. 9. Iohn, 14. 13, & 16
23. James. 1. 5.

A prayer for the Morning.



Almightie and
most mercifull
God, I hartlie
thanke thee for
the

of praiera

the sweete sleepe, and quiet
rest, which vnder thy pro-
tection I haue receiued this
nighte : and for that it hath
pleased thee safelie to bringe
mee to the beginning of this
date. And I wretched sinner
most humble beseech thee O
Lord, to defend, cherish, com-
fort, and governe mee, and
all my counsels, studies, and
labours, in such wise, that I
may spend and bestowe the
date according to thy most
holte will, without hurting

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of my neighbour : and that
I may evermore by thy go-
uernance doo that, which is
agréable to thy wil & plea-
sure, basing wrong, and lo-
ning iustice. Also I beseech
thee, moste mercifull God,
strengthen and keepe mee in
the faith of the Catholike
Church, and kinde in mee
the love and light of thy holy
spirit, that I may walke in
the truth of thy word. Grant
this most mercifull God for
thy deare son Iesus Chyistes
sake, Amen. The

of prayers.

The first Psalm alphabeticall.

Wherein the penitent sinner
requireth of God to walke in his
commandements & other
spirituall graces.

A sorrowfull spirit is a
sacrifice to thee, O God:
despise not, O Lord, humble
and contrite hartes.

Blessed are all such as
walk undefiled in thy wates,
Bless.

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O Lord: and happy are they
that keepe thy testimonies,
and seek thee with their whole
heart.

Teache me thy creature and
handy worke, therefore **O** lord,
diligently to keepe thy com-
mandementes: and direct
my wayes that I may keepe
thy statutes.

Deale so with thy servant
O Lord, that I may live and
keepe thy most holy word.

Ever with my lips will I
be telling of the iudgements
of

of thy mouth: that I may
have delights in the waie of
thy testimentes, as in all
manner of riches.

For so shall I not be con-
founded, while I haue respect
vnto all thy commaunde-
ments.

Giue me vnderstanding I
beseech thee, O Lord, and I
shall keepe thy Lawe: yea, I
shall keepe it with my whole
heart.

Hear my voyce, O Lord,
according vnto thy louinge
kind.

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hundreds, and quicken thou
mee, according as thou art
incomf.

In the time of my tribu-
lation, giue me comforte: and
in the perplexitie of my soule
deliuer me.

Keepe mee as the apple of
thine eye, and let not tempta-
tions overtake me.

Lift thou me vpp when I
am fallen, & bring me home
when I go astray.

Make mee more circum-
spect than I haue bene, in
keeping

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keepeinge the Lawes of thy
commandements.

Neuer forsake me, O lord
that put my trust in thee: for
to hope in thee is life eternall.

Open therefore the eyes of
mine understanding, that I
may see the greatnes of thy
goodnesse.

Put thy prayes into my
mouthe, that I maye sing
them amongest thy chosen
saints.

Quicken mee with thy
mercies.

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quickeniſg ſpirite, leaſt the
dead woꝝkes of darkeſnes doe
banquiſh me.

Regarde mee beeing the
woꝝke of thine handes, and
inlarge thy gloꝛie in mee thy
creature.

Separate me from among
the wicked, and let me not
be a partaker of their trans-
greſſions.

Take me from among the
bloudthirſie and mercileſſe,
and from deceiptfull people
preſerue me.

Untill

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Untie the chaines of sinne
wherewith I am bound, and
out of the dungeon of death
deliuer me.

Withdrowe not thy mer-
cie from mee, and lette thy
right hande of saving health
be neuer shortned.

Glorie bee to the Father,
and to the Sonne, and to the
holy ghoſt.

As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever ſhall bee,
woꝛld without end, Amen.

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The versicle.

Forgiue me, O Lord, all
my sins, negligences, and ig-
norances.

The answer.

And giue mee Grace to
walke in the waye of truth
and righteousnesse.



of praiers.

Twelue brief praiers vpon
the right Honourable the
Earle of Leicester his
Noble name,
R.D.

O sweete Iesu,



ward me not
according to my
most wicked de-
seruings: for if
thou do, then must I needes
perish. Wherefore, to thee I
come, sadde and sorrowfull
not trusting in mine owne
right-

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righteousnesse, but in the
rich merites of thy precious
death and passion. For whose
sake, O sweete Iesu, I hum-
bly beseech thee to pardon
and forgive mee all mine of-
fences, Amen.

1011 O bountifull Iesu,

O my Saviour, restore
mee to thy Grace, from
which I am fallen through
mine inbredde, I beseech
thee, to heare the deuoute
prayers of mee thy seruant,
that those thinges which I
aske

of prayer.

also saithoulp: I may obtain
effectually, Amen.

O Iesu the son of God,

Behold not what is a-
miss in me; for if then do,
I shal no moze be worthy to
be called thy scholler: yet of
thy great goodnes, O Lord,
poure downe of the crums
that fall from thy Chyldeys
table, that I may bee as the
least of them, Amen.

O Iesu the Saujour of the world,

Entron me thy poze ser-
uaunt with thy Grace,
C againn

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against this world, and all the
vaine pompe, pleasure, and
beauty thereof, that it may be
vnto me as vile dust, filthi-
nesse, and ashes: that I may
ble it as though I bled it not,
and that it may serue me, and
not I it: that I may take my
part thereof for my necessitie,
that I doe not vse thy crea-
tures voluptuously, but that
I may alwaye liue (in this
short life) righteously, sober-
ly, and iustly, Amen.



of prayers.

O Iesu my soules health,
Remember not the number of my sinnes, but according to the multitude of thy mercies deliver me from the paines due to them. Grant this, O saviour so, thy mercies sake, Amen.

O Iesu the life of the living,
TEACH mee to number my dayes, that I may apply my heart to learn thy wisdome: and so strengthen mee with thy holy Spirit,

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rite, that I swaue not from
thy law, Amen.

O Iesu the hope of the
righteous,

Deale not with mee as I
hane deserved: but call
to remembrance thy tender
mercies which hane ben ever
of old, and cast mee not from
thee in thy beaute displeasure
least I bee consumed and
brought to nought. Hear me
for thy mercies sake, Amen.

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of praiers.

O Iesu the conduit of comfort,
Vnto thee I wretched
sinner doe com, craving
of thee thy mercie. Incline
therefore thine eare vnto my
calling, and consider the re-
quest of my heart. Amen.

O Iesu the way to eternall life,
Deare saviour, to whome
it is more easie to doe all
things, than for me to think
any one good thought; giue
power vnto thy seruant,
that I may with a strong
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saith, vanquish and subdue,
to whatsoever may cause me to
rebell against thy blessed will,
Amen.

O Iesu the first fruits of our
resurrection,

Lighten mee thy servant,
with the bright lampe of
thy holy Spirit, thereby to
subdue the bodie of sin, with
all the lusts thereof, that I
may bee made obedient in
will and minde to thy holie
lawes, Amen.

O

of prayers.

O Iesu the word incarnate,
Exceeding true it is, that
Euerie one that saith,
Lord, Lord, shall not en-
ter into the kingdom of hea-
uen, *Mat. 7. 21.* Strengthen
me therefore thy servant, I
beseech thee, with the power
of thy right hand, against all
the malitiousnesse of the olde
wily serpent. Replenish my
heart with thy wisdom, and
comfort my soule with thy
sweet, comfortable, & health-
full promises: and lette thy
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mercies heale mine infirmit-
ties, Amen.

O Iesu, iudge of quick and
dead,

YE I once againe I call
vppon thee in these my
meditations: O let thine
eares bee open to heare the
prayers which I thy seruant
make vnto thee this day: and
graunt that I may alwayes
ask of thee in such sort as thou
requirest, to the honoꝛ, praise
and glorie of thy name, to the
furthurance of thy word, to
the

of prayers.

the profite of my neighbour,
and to my consolation and
comfort: through the merits
of thy bitter death and passi-
on, Amen.

The second Psalm al-

phabeticall.

A Thankesgiuing after
aduersity.

After that I had long
looked for thee, O
Lord, at the last thou
hast great regarde vnto
me

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mee, and diddest receiue my
prayers.

Blessed art thou, O Lord,
which hast not holden backe
thy mercie from thy seruant,
but hast taken mee out of the
lake of miserie, and set my
feete vpon a rocke, and made
my steps sure.

Comfort thou my soule, O
God, & make it strong, least
mine enemies overcome me,
and the troopes of tyrantes
ouerrunne me.

O Lord, Dominion, power, and
glory

of prayers.

glozie bee thine : for thou hast
made all things , and because
thy will is so , they do still con-
tinue.

Euen thou, O Lord, hast
doon manie things, wonder-
full and great : and there is
none that can bee compared
vnto thee in thy works.

For thou helpest them
whose hearts be broken with
sorrow : and bearest vp with
thy hand, them that bee bruised
in spirit.

Go not from mee, O thou
God

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God for mercede, for thou art
my sure refuge and the hope
of my strength.

Have in remembrance O
Lord, the rebuke that thy ser-
uant hath sustained: and
consider how furiously mine
Enemies have persecuted
me.

I have tasted & felt of thy
sweetnes: O blessed is that
man that trusted in thee.

Keep mercie in thine for
me, O Lord my strength:
thou hast overthrowne mine
en-

of prayers.

enemies, even thou, which art
a iust Judge from the begin-
ning.

Lord, they that seeke thee
shall lacke nothing that is
good: and they that feare thee
shall not be helpelesse.

My soule therefore shal ne-
uer cease to speake of thy be-
nifits, which are so many that
I cannot number them.

No man may succour mee
O Lord, but thou, who hast
brought my soule out of hel,
and holpen mee vppe from
sal-

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falling into the deepe, from
whence no man returneth.

O Lozde, thus hast thou
revenge the wronges that
mine enemies have doone to
me: thus hast thou béene my
comfort in the time of my
trouble, and visited me in thy
mercy.

Dot away from mee, **O**
Lozde, that which is euill, for
thou art holy: and save thy
seruant, who hath ever tru-
sted in thee.

O quicken me in thy righ-
teousnes

of praiers.

teousnes, so shall I triumph
and reioyce in thy merchie; so
that thou hast looked vppon
my necessities, and regar-
ded my soule in my great dis-
tresse.

Remember Lord, that thou
of thine owne will and minde
didst giue strength vnto my
soule: and when thou diddest
hide thy face from me, I was
as one which goeth downe to
the grane.

Send forth therefore, O
Lord, thy light and thy truth,
and

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and they shall leade me vnto
thy holy hill, & guide me into
thy holy tabernacle.

Then shall I haue ioy for
the dayes wherein I was in
sorrowe, and shall triumph
for that thou hast remembred
the rebuke, which thy ser-
uant hath borne and suffe-
red.

Whereby I was affraid that
thou, O Lord, hadst cast me
out of thy presence: yet it
hath pleased thee to heare my
prayers, and according to thy
great

of prayers.

great mercie to take me a-
gain vnto thy grace & fauor.

Wherefore O Lord, thy
name be blessed, praised, and
magnified, both now & ever,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, & ever shall be, world
without end, Amen.

The Versicle.

O Lord accept thy prayers
& petitions of thy seruants.

The Answer.

And grationly heare their
humble confession.

Let vs pray.

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Twelue brief praiers vpon
the right Honourable the
Earle of Leicester his
Noble name.

R.D.

O Iesu the sonne of Dauid,

Right hartie & hum-
ble thanks I giue
vnto thee, which hast
not onely deliuered me from
many dangers and troubles
of mine enemies, but also in-
dued me with thy good gifts,
as reason, power, strength, &
all

of prayers.

all other needfull things for
my behoofe, which thou hast
don of thy mere merite, and
not for my merites. To thee
therefore bee praise for ever-
more, Amen.

O Iesu the Bishop of our
soules,

Open my mouth, that I
may confesse with thine
Apostle, that there is no per-
fect & good gift but it com-
meth from thee, which givest
freely and callest no man in

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the teeth, / *am. 1, 17.* and also
to acknowledge with the pro-
phet: that gold is thine, and
silver is thine, & thou giest it
and all things else, to whom
it pleaseth thee, & for the same
to be thankesfull, Amen.

O Iesu the fortresse of the
faithfull,

Build in my hart a house
for thy selfe to dwell in,
and plant me in true faith
and good woorkes, that I may
not lay vppreasure heere
where theeues robbe, and
mothe

of prayers,

mothes corrupt : but in thy
heavenly Kingdome, where
nether theefe can steale, nor
moth can corrupt, *Math. 6.*
19. 20. Luke 12. 33. 1. Tim, 6.
19. Grant this for thy mer-
cies sake, Amen.

O Iesu the pathway to paradise,
Ethermoze grant mee this
measure of Grace, that
like as I am weake and fee-
ble, so I may take & repute
my selfe : that I presume
not as of my selfe to see my
selfe: but so farre to see, that

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I may alwaies, trusting in thee, haue thee before mine eyes, to follow thee being my guide, to be ready at thy call most obediently, and to commit my self wholly vnto thee; that thou which only knowest the way, wouldest lead me in the same way to thy heauenly iotes, where thou reignest God everlastingly: Amen.

O Iesu the fortresse of the
faithfull,

Recieve mee into thy fa-
uour, according to thy
great

of prayers.

great mercy: & according to
multitude of thy loving kin-
nes. And though I haue sin-
ned against thee, & done euil in
thy sight: yet remit my mis-
doeds for thy holy name sake,
Amen.

O Iesu the wellspring of wisdom,

TOUCH my consci-
ence with the finger of
thy comfort, and loke no more
vpon my sinnes: but after
thy mercie and great goodnes
put out of thy sight all mine
offences, Psal. 51. 9. 10. Do

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man can help me, but thou:
cast mee not therefore from
thy presence, O sweete Iesu,
and thy holy spirit take not
from me, Psalme. 51. 11. but
plentifully indue mee there-
with for thy holy names sake
Amen.

O Iesu the mirrour of
mercie,

Draw into my hearte the
dew of thy gracious spi-
rit, so shall I teach thy wayes
vnto the wicked, that they
may

of prayers.

may connect vnto thee, Psal.
51, 13. But from me blood-
guiltinesse, thou that art the
hope of my health, and my
tongue shalt speake of thy
righteousnes. psalme 51. 14
Quench the desire of mine in-
ner, & open my lips, that my
mouth may shew forth the
wonderfull praise of thy name.
psal. 51. 15. which is to be glo-
rified for ever & ever: Amen.

O Iesu the iewel of endlesse ioy,

Vnto thee I offer a low-
ly spirit, and a contrite

and

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and humble hart, which thou
doest not despise, Psal. 51. 17.
Send downe thy favourable
beneuolence vpon this thy
holy habitation, and buttice
vp the walls and pillars ther-
of: then shall the acceptable
sacrifice of righteousness be
laid vpon thine altar. Psal. 51.
18. 19. and all nations shall
magnifie thy name, Amen.
13 O Iesu the fountaine of
felicite,

Desire mee not this re-
quest, namelie to sette
thy

thy passion, crosse, and death,
betwene thy iudgement and
my soule, both now & at the
houre of death. Wherefore,
O mercifull Father, grant vnto the
living, thy mercie and Grace,
that after this life they may
haue rest and quietnesse in
thee: & to thy whole Church
grant peace & concord, that
all the members thereof may
liue and reioyce in thee for e-
uer, which liueth and reigneth
with the Father and the holie
Ghost, world without ende.
Amen. O

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O kils the riches of our re-
conciliation,

Let me haue free passage
vnto thee, the only way
and defence of my mortall
state, my only hope, mine
only saluation, my victory,
my glory, and my triumph:
who in the flesh, which thou
didst for mine only sake put
vpon thee, sufferedst to be
tempted of sathan, and who
only and alone didst bitter-
ly overcome and vanquish
sinne, death, the world, the di-
uell,

well, and all the kingdome of
hell & that thou hast
banquished; for my sake it is
that thou hast banquished it:
to thee therefore be praise for
evermore, Amen.

O Iesu the spring of our sal-
vation, Sanctification,

Establish in mee the spi-
rit of fortitude and pow-
er, whereby I may be ena-
bled to encounter with the
deceitfull snares of the most
subtile serpent, which daily
seeketh to devour my soule.

Thou

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Thou being a lamb as white
as snow, the subduler of Sa-
thans tyranny, give vnto me,
mee I say, thy little one, the
strength and vertue of thy
spirit, that being of my selfe
weake and feeble, but in thee
strong and valiant, I may
withstand & overcome all as-
saits of temptations, Amen.

O Iesu the worker of our
glorification,

Ye in mee these two
principall and chiefe ver-
tues,

of prayers.

ties, namelie prudence and
constitute, or wisdom & vali-
antnes : wherewith I maie
so sufficientlie be furnished,
that my ghostlie enemye the
diuell maie not triumph ouer
mee : but that I being a con-
queror though ther, may giue
thanks to thy mercie, which
never leauest them destitute
that put their trust in thee,
who liuest and raignest, God
for ever, and worlde without
end, Amen.

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The third Psalme alphabetically
for the remission of
sinnes.

Almighty GOD, Lorde
of Lordes, great and
dreadfu'll is thy name, which
by thy word hast made both
heaven and earth, and all
things contained in them.

Behould, all things are vn
der thy dominion and rule,
both man and beast, and all
other

of prayers.

other liuing creatures ; and
thou hast compassion vppon
whom it pleaseſt thee.

Cursed creature that I am,
againſt thee, O holy father,
againſt thee haue I ſinned,
and doone euill: I haue bene
an offender euen from my
cradle: and ſince I ſucked my
mothers breaſts, I haue not
ceaſed to do euill.

Duſt and aſhes that I am,
how dare I bee ſo bolde as to
open my lippes, and to ſpeak
vnto thee: I am thy poore
C crea.

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creature and a woꝛme of the
earth.

Eternall God, beholde I
haue naught, and of my selfe
I am naught: thou art onelie
good, righteous and holle:
thou orderest all things, thou
givest all things, and thou
fulfillest all things with thy
goodnesse.

Father everlasting, I am
thyne, one of them whom thy
onely deere sonne hath redee-
med: and lee of thee, which
art the Judge of all men, I
aske

of prayers.

ask mercie.

Gracious God, cast not away a contrite and penitent heart; humble calling vpon thee: but turne the eyes of thy mercie towards mee, and forgive me all the sinnes of my youth.

Whele not thy darts at me, nor lay thy heauie hand vpon me O Lord: for I haue bene thine anger a long time, and of the cup of thy displeasure haue I drunke very deepe.

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In thy worsh, O Lord,
cast mee not away from thy
presence, neither take thou
thy holy Spirit from mee:
but giue mee the comfort of
thy help, and establish mee in
thy truth.

Knowe mee for thy poore
creature, and destroye mee
not, O mercifull father, be-
cause of mine iniquitie: but
bee thou mercifull vnto mee,
for thy sonne Iesus Christs
sake.

Let not thy heauie hande
of

of prayers.

of iustice deſtroie mee bitter-
lie, neither leaue mee in my
ſinnes: ſo thou art a **G D D**
full of mercie, and verie gra-
tious to them that truſt in
thee.

Manie are the ſorowes
that overcome me, and much
ſadneſſe poſſeſſeth my heart:
I looke ſo a time of health,
but my grieſe continueth
ſtill.

Not in iudgement, **D**
Lorde, but in mercie deals
with thy ſervant: ſo if thou

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accuse me, I shall neuer bee
quite: and if thou marke my
sin and iniquitie, no man shall
deliuer me.

O Lorde except thou help
me of thy goodnesse and mer-
cie: how may I, which haue
offended thee, bee raised vpp
from my sins?

Pittifull Father, euen of
thee, which art the God of mer-
cy, I wretched sinner do aske
mercie: Oh for the glorie of
thy name, bee no longer an-
grie with me?

Quite

of prayers.

Quite me from sinne, that
I may bee like vnto thee: for
as thou art God, so art thou
gracions and mercifull: and
patientlie sufferest sinners, &
wouldest that none should
perish, but that all should
turne and be saued.

Righteous Lord, as none is
able to beare the punishment
which thou doest threaten
against sinners: so the mer-
cie, which thou hast promi-
sed, is great and vnsearch-
able.

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Spare me good Lord, O
spare mee, a small portion of
thy people: forgive for thy
names sake all my sinnes,
and put out of thy sight all
mine offences.

Traine mee in the know-
ledge of thy truth, give mee
a new hart, & take from mee
all wicked desires: that I
maie evermore knowe what
thing is acceptable in thy
sight.

Unto mine eyes, O Lord,
give good store of light, that

of praiers.

I sleepe not in death: & then
my finnes shall not preuaile
against me.

Worke in me, O holy fa-
ther, that I may ener desire
and conet that which is most
pleasant and acceptable in
thy sight: and that I haue no
desire to will, or not to will,
but as thou wilt.

Glorie be to the father, and
to the sonne, and to the Holy
ghost.

As it was in the begin-
ning, is now, and ener shall
be,

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bee, worlde without end, A-
men.

The versicle.

Cut O Lord, my sacke of
sorrow in peeces.

The Answer.

And cloath mee with the
garments of gladnes.

Let vs pray.

A Almighty and most mer-
ciful Father, I wret-
ched sinner, most humble
beseech thee, that thou of thy
goodnes wilt not remember
the

of praiers.

the offences of my youth: but
that according to the great-
nesse of thy mercie, thou wilt
turne from me the paine that
I haue iustly deserved for sin:
and that by thy grace I maye
(while I am in this vale of
miserie) euermore be renew-
ed in the spirite of my mind:
that a pure life may al-
wayes appeare in
me. Amen.

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The fourth Psalme alphabeticall:

Wherein the sinner desireth
to be heard of God.

A LORD: how
long shall my minde
be troubled with painefull
sorowes, and heauie
thoughts?

How long shall consuming
cares torment my heart?

Bountifull God, how long
wilt thou reiect my prayers,
which

of prayers.

which daillie I powze out
befoze thee ? Wilt thou
Lord, heare mee at no time ?
Or wilt thou cease to shew
mercy ?

Crie vnto the Lord, O my
soule, and say : Hast thou O
Lord, cast me away for euer ?

Or wilt thou neuer here-
after bee pleased with mee ?
Thy hand is not weakened,
but it may helpe ; and thine
eares are not stopped, that
they refuse to heare.

Doe me this fauour, I be-
seech

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leech these, O righteous Fa-
ther for Iesus Christes sake,
that the sighings and inward
groanings of my heart make
moone & incline thee to heare
me.

Evermore I confesse, I
have beene an vntrue and a
scoward childe to thee: I have
not feared thee, nor shewed
due reverence vnto thee: but
have bene ever disobedient
and stubborne against thee.

For sake me not, O Lord,
that lie in the prison of pen-
nues

of prayers.

Quenes, and bound in the fetters of sorrow, till thou of thy gracious goodnes vouchsafe to visite me, and restore me againe to libertie and ioy.

Gratiouſly keepe thy mer-
cie in ſight for mee alwayes,
O Lord: and the covenant
which thou haſt made with
mee, let it be ſurely perſour-
med.

Holdethy hand ouer mee,
and keepe me O Lord, from
ſinne: then ſhall I feare nei-
ther death nor hell: and as
thou

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thou alwaies hast beene mercifull to penitent sinners: so now good Lord, forgive mee my sins.

In the zeale of my heart I beseech thee to keepe mee in the feare of thee, then shall I reioyce in thy mercie: for that thou hast looked vpon me, and regarded my soule lying in great distresse.

Keepe me in thy sheepfold,
O sheepeheard of my soule:
and let mee neuer hereafter
wander from thy wayes, and
now

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now **O** **L**oꝝd, leaue me not
in the deepenesse of my trou-
bles.

No, now are the dayes of
health and grace, now is the
acceptable time: for in death
who shall remember thee, **O**
Loꝝde? **O**: in hell who shall
praise thee?

Mercifull **L**oꝝde, behold,
my weakenes and frailtie is
best known vnto thee: **O** look
downe from Heauen vpon
the sorrowe and heavines of
me thy poore creature.

I

Now

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Howe is my life as it were
in the midst of fierce Lions:
whose teeth are like vnto
speares, and the sharpences of
them like vnto the stinge of
Scorpions.

O Lorde God, mollifie my
hart, that I may turne vnto
thee, and walke in all thy
wayes. For I haue wanted
redouerlong in the wate of
sinners.

Plant in mee the knowe-
ledge of thy lawe, and make
a perpetuall league and co-
uenant

of prayers.

covenant with mee, that thou wilt lessen thy feare in my heart, that I never swarne from thee againe.

Questionlesse, and without doubt, O Lord, none can so hide himselfe from thee, but that thou maiest see him: for thou fillest both Heauen and earth.

Reuerently neuerthelesse I will speake vnto thee, and will not holde my peace, so long as there is breath in my mouth: I will earlie lift vp

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my voice vnto thee, and call continually for thy mercie.

Surelie nothing is able to resist thy power, thy mercy is aboue all thy woꝝkes: and thou art gracious and mercifull to them which diligentlie obserue and keepe thy lawes.

Truelie, O Lord, my prayers are euer powꝛed foꝛth befoꝛe thee, let thine anger be turned from mee, that I may find sauoꝛ in thy sight.

Vouchsafe, O Loꝛde, not
to

of praiers.

to looke vpon the hardnes of
my heart : but as thou hast
manie times shewed mercie :
so now bee mercifull and for-
giue all wherein I haue of-
fended thee.

Withdrow the whippe of
thy wrath from mee, O Lord
my God, which tenderlie lo-
uest mankind, and art a most
rightfull Iudge: spare mee I
beseech thee, and shew vpon
mee the aboundance of thy
mercie.

Glorie bee to the Father,

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and to the sonne, and to the
Hely-ghost.

As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever. ec.

The versicle.

Turne not thine eyes from
me O Lord.

The Answer.

But teach mee to doo that
which is pleasant in thy sight.

The Prayer.

O Mercifull God, which
by thy sonne Christ hast
taught vs to call vpon thee in
our

of praiers.

our necessities, giue me
Grace, I beseech thee, to ac-
knowledge mine owne infir-
mitie and weakenesse, that I
depending vppon thy merci-
full goodnesse, may with a
strong and stedfast faith, con-
tinually call vpon thee with
a true and repentant heart,
for thy grace, mercy, and par-
don: that after this corrupti-
ble life, I may behold thee in
thine everlastinge Glorie.
where thou raignest **G D D**
everlasting, Amen.

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The Fift Psalme alpha-
beticall :

For the obtaining of godlie
wisedome.

Almightie God,
preserue me, for
in thee do I trust:
let thy wisedom
rule & guide my
thoughts that they may al-
wayes please thee.

Be so good as to put thy
word in my mouth, and fa-
sten thy wisedome in my
heart:

of prayers.

hart: that others also may be converted vnto thee.

Call mee from mine heinous offences, and heale my soule which hath offended thee O God: that I maye be free from the guilt of my transgression.

Defend mee, O Lord, as thou art wont to doe thy chosen: and let thy hand direct my wayes, that I may walke in thy statutes.

Evermore quicken mee, that I may liue and keepe thy

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thy woꝝdes, that my soule
may pꝛaïse thee, and that thy
iudgements may helpe mee.

Furnish mee with thy sa-
ving health: so shall I keepe
the testimonies of thy mouth.

Gouerne me O Lord, with
thy good Spirit for the great
loue that thou bearest toward
me.

Heare mee, O Loꝝde: and
remember that thou hast
made mee of earth: and that
I shall retorne vnto the dust
of

of prayers.

of death.

I beseech thee O Lord, remooue mee from the way of sinners: and strengthen mee with the power of thy right hand.

keepe me in thy waies, O Lord, and send forth the hot flames of thy loue, to burne and consume the fancies of my minde.

Let mee bee satisfied with thy mercie and that soone: so shall I be glad and reioice in thee all the dayes of my life.

Merci-

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¶ Mercifull God, shew & declare thy goodnesse vnto me: send downe from heauen the spirite of wisedome, and replentish my heart with knowledge from aboue.

¶ Neuer failest thou to fulfill the desires of them that feare thee: and hearest the prayers of them that call vppon thee with their whole heart.

¶ O Lord thou leadeest right in thy iudgements, them that be milde and tractable: thou teachest them that be mecke
thy

of praiers.

thy wordes and testimonies.

Prop vp all them which else
would fall : and all that are
fallen lift thou vp againe.

Quicken thy seruant, O
Lord, thou that art my hope
and refuge, thou that art my
strong holde and castle : for
thy Names sake lead & guide
me.

Righteous G O D, if thou
shew mee thy goodnesse, and
manifold mercies, I shall
flourish as the Olive Tree,
that bringeth forth fruite in
due

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one season.

Stedfastly hath my soule
waited for thee, O Lord, for
that my health, my strength,
and my glory cometh from
thee.

Thou art hee which hast
saued my life from death: and
shewed mee thy Grace and
mercie.

Unto mee thou hast giuen
all good things: and canst
set my soule in safetie in thy
sanctuarie.

Wherefore, most louing
Lord

of praiers

Loꝝd, foꝛ these thy mercies, I
offer to thee the sacrifice of
laude and praise : giuing thee
thanks now and enermoze,
woꝛld without end, Amen.

Loꝝde }
Christ } haue mercy vpon vs
Loꝝde }



Our Father which
art in Heauen
ballowed bee thy
Name . Thy
King.

of prayers.

kingdome come. Thy will be
done in earth, as it is in hea-
uen. Give vs this day our dai-
ly bread. And forgiue vs our
trespasses, as we forgiue them
that trespass against vs. And
lead vs not into temptation.
But deliuer vs from euill.
For thine is the kingdome,
the power, and the glozie, for
euer and euer, Amen.

The versicle.

Destroy mee not, O Lord,
in my sins.

The

of prayers.

The answer.

Neither reserve eternall
punishment for them.

The prayer.

MOST righteous God,
for thy greate Mercies
sake, hearken to these my
humble Prayers, which I
make before thee: and con-
sider, O merciful Lord, the
desires and thoughtes of my
heart. Let my loud cryings
come vnto thee, and let my
vntained Prayers enter in-
to

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to mine eares. Heare mee, O
Lord: for I am destitute of
thy helpe. Take care for my
soule, saue mee thy seruant,
whiche wholly trust in thee.
Haue mercie, O Lord, haue
mercie vppon mee: for I will
neuer cease cryng vnto thee
for helpe and mercie. In the
daye time will I call vppon
thee, and in the night my crie
shall not be hid from thee. O
thou G D of the heauens,
the maker of the Waters,
and Lord of all Creatures:
beare

of praiers.

heare mee a moſte wretched
ſinner calling vpon thee, and
take awaye from mee all my
ſinnes : make ſtedfaſt my
ſayth and confidence in thy
mercifull promiſes, that
putting my truſte in them,
maye haue (as thou haſt pro-
miſed) euerlaſting life: tho-
rough Chriſt Jeſus thy ſon
our Lord, Amen.

Another prayer.

O Lord, and Heauenlie
Father, plant in mee
Gt. tree

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true obedience to thy Holy
lawes, and to my soueraigne
and gracious Lord, King
James: whome thou hast
set to raigne over mee. Oh
lette not the cares of this
world deceiue me. Keepe me
good Lord from all vncleane
desires: and grant mee thy
Grace to walke before thee
all the dayes of this my pil-
grimage, with a good Con-
science, and a pure minde:
that when thou shalt ap-
peare to rewardes euerie man
accoz

of prayers.

accoꝝding to his deedes , I
may receiue at thy hand the
rewards of ſuch a one as hath
not bene aſhamed of thee in
this life. O Lord, increaſe
my faith, increaſe my loue,
increaſe in me a ſure hope of
my ſaluation : O Loꝝde mo
ſauiour, increaſe ſtrength
in mee to overcome ſin, and
to ſtande againſt all tempta-
tions. Let thine holie Angel
alwayes keepe and conduct
mee, that I may euermore
be thankfull vnto thee, in

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Christ Iesu our Lord: to who
with thee, and the holy ghost,
bee all honoz and glozie, for
euer and euer, Amen.

At the receiuing of the
Communion say
thus.

O Lord and Sani-
our Iesu Christ,
who in thy last
Supper, with
thine Apostles, diddest giue
vnto them in a Sacrament,
thine

of praiers.

thyne owne bodie and blood,
to be the food of their soules:
grant mee ever, I beseech
thee, stedfastly to beleue, and
faithfully to acknowledge
thyne infinite and Almightye
power, and confesse thyne in-
comprehensible loue toward
me. Graunt also that I may
altwaies woorthily receiue
the same blessed Sacrament
and memorie of thy death,
according to thy holye ordi-
nance, that it may worke in
me increase of all godlines,

G lili.

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in unitie of spirite, with thee
our head, and by thee and
thy Spirit, with all the com-
panie of them that are true lie-
thine, beeing members of
thy mystical bodie, and my
spirituall brethren and sisters
in Christ. Heare me my Sa-
uour and my Christ, for thy
name sake, Amen.

After the Communion recei-
ued, say thus.

O LORD Iesus Christ
which hast vouchsafed
spirit-

of praiers.

spiritually to giue vnto mee
these holy mysteries, thy bo-
dy and blood: mortifie what-
soeuer is euill in mee, and
garnish me with thy merites
& vertues, that thou mayest
delight to abyde and dwell
in mee. Renew my Spirite,
my soule and my bodie, with
thine excellent Grace, that
I maie bee made like vnto
thy holle humanitie: frame
me after thine owne heartes
desire. I knit mee vnto thee
most neerely, that I may bee
trans-

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transformed and changed altogether into thee. And grant that I may do, speake, thinke or desire nothing, but that which may be acceptable vnto thee which art my GOD, my saviour and redeemer: to whome with the Father, and the holy Ghost, be all honour and glozie, for ever and ever, Amen.

A

of prayers.

A prayer for the leading of
a godly life.

Grant vnto vs, O mer-
ciful God (we heartily
beseech thee) knowledge and
true vnderstandinge of thy
word: that all ignorance ex-
pelled, wee may know what
thy Will and Pleasure is in
all thynges, and how to doo
our duties, & truly to walke
in our vocation; and that also
wee may expresse in our li-
uing

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uing thole things that we do
know, that we be not onely
knowers of thy worde good
Lord, but also workers of
the same, by our Sa-
uour and Lord,
Jesus Christ.
Amen.



Here

Here followeth the Letanie,
with certayne other
godlie prayers.

O God the Father of
Heaven: haue mercy
vppon vs miserable
sinners.

O God the Father
of heauen, haue mercie vppon
vs, &c.

O God the Sonne, redeemer of
the world. haue mercie vppon vs
miserable sinners.

O God the son, redeemer of the
world, &c.

O God the Holy Ghost, proce-
ding

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ceeding from the Father and the
Sonne: haue mercie vpon vs
miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost proceeding
from the father and the
Sonne, &c.

O Holie, blessed, and glorious
Trinitie, three persons and one
God, haue mercie vpon vs misera-
ble sinners.

O Holie, blessed, and glorious
Trinitie, three persons and one
God, &c.

Remember not Lord our of-
fences, nor the offences of our
forefathers, neither take thou
vengeance of our sinnes: spare vs
goo Lord. spare thy people who
thou hast redeemed with thy most
precious

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precious blood, and bee not angry
with vs for ever.

Good Lord spare vs good Lord.

From all euill and mischete
from sin, from the cruities and as-
sautes of the diuel, fro thy wrath,
and from euerlasting damnation.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

From blindenesse of heart; from
pride, vaine glorie; and hypocrisie;
from enuie, hatred, and malice, &
al vncharitablenesse.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

From fornicatton, and al other
deadly sinne, and from all the de-
ceits of the woꝛlde, the flesh and
the diuel.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

From

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From lightening and tempest,
from plague, pestilence & famine,
from battel and murther, & from
sudden death,

Good Lord deliuer vs.

From al sedition and priuie con-
spiracie, from all false doctrine
and heresie, from hardnesse of hart
and contempte of thy woorde, and
commandement.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

By the Myserie of thy Holie
incarnation, by thy Holy natiui-
tie and Circumcision, by thy bap-
tisme, fasting and temptation.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

By thine agonie and bloudie
sweate, by thy crosse and passion,
by thy precious death and burial,
by

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by thy glorious resurrection and
ascension, and by the comynge of
the holy Ghost,

Good Lord deliuer vs.

In al tyme of our tribulation, in
al tyme of our wealth, in the houre
of death, & in the day of iudgment,

Good Lord deliuer vs.

Wee sinners doe beseech thee to
heare vs, O Lord God, and that
it may please thee to rule and go-
uerne thy holy Church vniuersal-
ly in the right way

Wee beseech thee to heare vs,
good Lord.

That it may please thee to keep
and strengthen in the true wor-
shipping of thee, in righteousness
and

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giue to al nations, vniity, peace, & conoord.

We beseech thee, &c.

That it may please thee to giue vs an hart to loue and dread thee, & diligently to liue after thy commandements.

We beseech thee, &c.

That it may please thee to giue to all thy people increase of grace, to heare meekely thy word, and to receiue it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruites of the Spirit.

We beseech thee, &c.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth, all such as haue erred and are decclued.

We beseech thee, &c.

That

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That it may please thee to streng-
then such as do stand, and to com-
fort and help the weake hearted,
and to rase vp them that fall: and
finally to beate downe Satan vn-
der our feet.

We beleech thee, &c.

That it may please thee, to succor
helpe, & comfort al that be in dan-
ger, necessitie, and tribulation.

We beleech thee, &c.

That it may please thee, to pre-
serue al that trauell by Lande or
by water, al women labouring of
childe, al sicke persons and poore
children, and to shewe thy pittie
vpon all prisoners and captiues.

We beleech thee, &c.

Hill.

That

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That it may please thee to defend & provide for the fatherlesse childzen & widdowes, and al that be desolate and oppressed.

We beseech thee, &c.

That it may please thee to haue mercie vpon al men.

We beseech thee, &c.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors & slanderers, & to turn their hearts.

We beseech thee, &c.

That it may please thee to giue and preserve to our vse the kindly fruites of the earth, so as in due time we may enioy them.

We beseech thee, &c.

That it may please thee to giue
vs

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vs true repentance, to forgive vs
al our sinnes, negligences and ig-
nozances, and to indue vs with
the grace of thy holy spirite, to a-
mend our liues according to thy
holy word.

We beseech thee to heare vs, &c.

Sonne of God wee beseech thee
to heare vs.

Sonne of God, &c.

O Lambe of God that takest
away the sinnes of the world,

Grant vs thy peace.

O Lambe of God that takest
away the sinnes of the world,

Have mercie vpon vs.

O Christ heare vs.

O Christ heare vs.

Lord haue mercie vpon vs.

Hail

Lord

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Lord haue mercie vpon vs.
Christ haue mercie vpon vs.
Christ haue mercie vpon vs.
Lord haue mercie vpon vs.
Lord haue mercie vpon vs.

Our Father which art &c.
And leade vs not into tempta-
tion, &c.

but deliuer vs from euill, Amen:

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O Lord deale not with vs af-
ter our sinnes.

The Answer.

Neither reward vs after our i-
niquities.

Let vs pray.

O God mercifull Father, that
despiseſt not the ſighing of a

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contrit hart. nor the desire of such
as bee sorrowfull: mercifully assist
our prayers that we make before
thee in all our troubles & aduersi-
ties, whensoever they oppresse vs,
& graciously heare vs, that those
cuils which the craft and subtilty
of the diuell or man worketh a-
gainst vs, bee brought to nought,
and by the prouidence of thy good-
nes they may be dispersed that we
thy seruants being hurt by no per-
secutiōs, may euermore giue thank
to thee in the holy church th:ough
Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord arise, helpe vs and de-
liuer vs for thy name sake.

O God, wee haue hearde with
our

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our eares, & our fathers haue declared vnto vs the noble workes that thou didst in their daies, and in the old time before them.

O Lord arise, help vs and deliuer for thine honor.

Glorie be to the Father, &c.

From our enemies defend vs.

O Christ.

Gratioufly looke vpon our afflictions.

Pitifully beheld the sorowes of our hearts.

Mercifully forgiue the sinnes of thy people.

Favourably with mercie heare our prayers.

O Son of Dauid haue mercie vpon vs.

Both

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Both nowe and euer bouchsafe
to heare vs, O Christ.

Gratiouſly heare vs, O Christ,
gratiouſly heare vs, O lord Christ.

The verſicle.

O Lord let thy mercie be ſhew-
ed vpon vs.

The Answer.

As we do put our truſt in thee.

Let vs pray.

We humbl'e beſeꝛch
thee, O Father,
mercifully to looke
vpon our infirmi-
ties, & for the glory
of thy names ſake, turne from vs
all thoſe euils, that we moſt righ-
teouſly haue deſerued, and grant
that

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that in al our troubles we maie
put our whole trust and confidence
in thy mercie and euer moze serue
thee in holineſſe and pureneſſe of
liuing, to thy Honor and glorie,
through our onely mediator and
advocate Jeſus Chriſt our Lord
Amen.

A prayer for remiſſion
of finnes:

O Lord Almighty GOD of
Iſrael, our ſoules that are
in trouble, and ſpirites that be-
bered crie vnto thee Heare vs, O
Lord and haue pitie vppon vs:
for thou art a Merciful God, be-
gracious therefore vnto vs: for
we haue ſinned before thee. Thou
en-

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endureſt for euer : ſhall wee then
utterlie periſh ? O Lord Al-
mightie, thou G O D of Iſrael,
heare now the prayers of vs wret-
ched ſinners, & yet thy creatures:
wee haue ſinned before thee, and
haue not harkened vnto thy voice,
O Lord: for the which cauſe wee
are worthis to feele and ſuffer thy
father's correction. Yet wee moſt
humbly beſeech thy goodneſſe, not
to remember our wickedneſſe nor
the wickednes of our forefathers,
but to thinke vpon thy power and
name nowe at this time: for thou
art the Lord our God, and thee
our Lord will we praiſe, for thou
haſt put thy feare in our heartes.

to

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to the intent wee should cal vpon
thy name, prayse thee, and turne
from the wickednesse of our fore-
fathers. Heare vs O Lorde, for
thy deare Sonne Iesus Christs
sake, Amen.

A prayer for the Kings
Maiestie.

O Lord Iesus Christ
moste high, moste
mightie, God euer-
lasting, Kinge of
Kings, Lorde of
Lords, the only Ruler of Prin-
ces the verie Sonne of God, on
whose right hande sitting, thou
doost from thy throne beholde all
the dwellers vppon earth: with
most

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most lowlie hart I beseech thee,
bountifull with fauorable regard
to behold our most gracious So-
ueraigne Lorde Kinge James:
and so replenish him with the
grace of thy holy spirite, that hee
may alwaye incline to thy wil &
walke in thy way. O keepe him
far off from ignorance, & through
thy gift let prudence and knowe-
ledge alwaies abound in his roy-
al heart. So instruct him, O lord,
raigning ouer vs on earth, that
his human Maiestie may alwaie
obey thy diuine Maiestie in feare
and dreade. Indue him p'entiful-
ly with heauenly gifts: Grant
him in health and wealth long to
liue. Heape honoz and glorie vpon
him

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him: Glad him with the ioy of thy countenance. So strengthen him that hee may vanquish and overcome all his enemies, & may be had in dread and feare of them: finally after this life, I beseech thee good Lord, that hee may attaine everlasting ioy and felicitie, where thou reignest God with the Father, & the holie ghost, Amen.

A prayer for a reformed life.

O Heauenly Father, and mercifull God, which of thy onely goodnesse hast created and made vs vnto thy owne similitude and likenesse: wee heartily praye and beseech thee, remember not our vnrighteousnesse, neither suffer thou

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thou thy grievous plagues to
hang ouer vs, wee haue sinned &
heinously displeased thee: yet wee
beseech thee of thy mercie benign-
ly to beholde vs thine unworthie
childzen. For we do not prostrate
our selues befoze thy face, in
pursue of our righteousness: but
in the multitude of thy mercies.
wherefoze we praye and Father, be
thou blessed now and euer, for
that thou hast created all things,
and hauest nothing that thou hast
made. wee humbly therefore be-
seech thee most holie Father, no
more to be angrie with vs, but to
turne thy wrath from vs, & kin-
dle in vs the love of thy holy Spi-
rite, Break our stonie hearts, O

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Lord, & make them fleshy hearts,
that we may feare thee, loue thee,
and haue pleasure in thee. Graunt
vs also, mercifull Father, a true
vnderstanding of thy worde, that
thereby we may know that which
is to be knowne: and to loue that
which is to bee loued: to desire
that which pleaseth thee: to re-
garde that which is precious in
thy sight, and to refuse that which
is euill before thee. Suffer vs not
O Lord, to iudge thy mysteries
after our outwarde senses, nei-
ther to giue sentence after the
hearing of the ignozante: but that
we by thy Holie Spirit, may al-
way discern things spirituall.
Giue vs also, O heauynly father,

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a sorrowfull and penitent heart,
that wee may humbly serue thee
in holines and righteousness al the
daies of our liues: that after our
departing this miserable life, wee
may attaine eternall life. Graunt
this deare Father, for thy deare
Sonne Iesus Christes sake, to
whome with thee and the Holye
Ghost be giuen all honoz and glory
for euer and euer, Amen.

A prayer of S. Chrysostome.

Almighty God, which
hast giuen vs Grace at
this tines with one ac=
cord, to make our com=
mon supplications vnto thee, and
dwest promise, that, where two

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or three bee gathered together in thy Name, thou wilt graunt their requestes. Iohn. 14. 13. 14. and 16. 27. 24. **F**ulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy seruants, as may bee most expedient for them, grantinge vs in this world, knowledge of thy trueth; and in the world to come life euerlasting, Amen.

Forraine if the time require.

O GOD Heauenly Father which by thy Sonne Iesus Christ, hast promised to all them that seeke thy kingdome, and the righteousnesse thereof, all things necessarye to their bodily sustenance, Matth. 6. 31. sende vs
we

The L-tanie.

We beseech the, in this our necessitie such moderate rayne and showres, that wee may receiue the fruites of the earth to our comfort, and to thy honor, through Iesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

For faire weather.

O Lord GOD, which for the sin of man didst once drowne all the world, except eynht persons, Gen. 7. 1. &c. and after ward of thy great mercie diddest promise neuer to destroye it so agayne: Ge. 9. 9. 10. 11. 12. &c. Wee humbly beseech the, that although wee, for our iniquities haue woorthily deserved this plague of raine and waters: yet vppon our true re-
J. iii. pen.

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penitance, thou wilt sende vs such
weather, whereby we may receiue
the fruits of the earth in due sea-
son, and learn both by thy punish-
ment to amend our liues, and for
thy clemencie to giue thee prayse
and glorie, through Iesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

In the time of dearth
and famine.

O Mercifull God and heauen-
ly father, whose gift it is that
the rayne dooth fall, the earth is
fruitful, man, beast, fish, and foule
doo increase and multiplie: behold
we beseech thee, the afflictions of
thy people, & grant that the scarli-
tie & dearth, which wee doe now
suffer

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suffer for our iniquities, may thorough thy goodnesse be turned into cheapnesse and plentie, for the loue of Iesus Christ our Lord, to whome with thee and the Holy Ghost be praise for ever and ever, Amen.

In the time of warre.

Al mightie God, King of all Kings, and Gouvernour of all things, whose power no creature is able to resist, to whom it belongeth iustly to punish sinners, and to be mercifull vnto them that truly repent: saue and deliuer vs, we humbly beseech thee from the handes of our enemies: abate their pride, asswage their malice,
I iii. and

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and confound their deuises: that
wee being armed with thy de-
fence, may bee preserved from all
perils, to glorifie thee, which art
the onely giuer of all victorie,
through the merites of
thy onely Sonne,
Iesu Christ,
our Lord,
So be
it.

THE Grace of our Lorde Iesus
Christ, and the loue of GOD,
and the fellowshippe of the holyc
Ghost, be with vs all euermore, A-
men.

of prayer.

Euening Prayer.

An appeale to G O D for
his fauour, and the forgiuenesse
of sinnes.

In the middell of
life I am in death
To whome, O
Lord, shall I seek
for helpe, but vnto thee alone
who for my sinnes art iust-
ly displeased: O God most
holy: O holy, mightie, and
most mercifull Saviour,
giue

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giue me not ouer to the bitter
paines of eternall death:
Cast me not off in my age
when my strength faileth
mee. Forsake me not Lord,
that not by thine eares from
my prayers. Thou, O Lord,
which knowest the secretes
of my heart, be mercifull vn-
to mee, and forgine my sins,
moste deare and blessed Sa-
uiour. Remember not, I be-
seech thee, mine offences, nor
the offences of my Foresa-
thers, neither take thou ven-
geance

of praiers.

geance of my sins: spare mee,
good Lord, whom thou hast re-
deemed with thy most preci-
ous blood, and be not angry
with me for ever.

The sixt psalme alpha-
beticall:

For remission of sins, Gods
fauour, and other spirituall
graces.

Against thee, O Lord
against thee, haue I
sinned, & done wicked-
ly before thee: & thou seest al-

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so that mine iniquities are great.

Beholde good Lord, I am sold vnder sinne: and in my flesh I find not that which is good.

Comfort therefore O lord the soule of thy servant: for vnto thee doo I lift vpp my heart and mind.

Do thou shew on me thy mercie, O Lord: and graunt vnto me thy saluation.

Early in the morning will I crie vnto thee: because of thy

of praiers.

thy righteous indgements
and mercie.

For thou Lord art good and
gracious: and of great mer-
cie vnto all them that call
vpon thee.

Giue light vnto mine
eyes O Lord, for I haue slept
too long in death: and my
sins haue perswaued against
me.

He that liueth, O Lord,
be that liueth shall praise thee
and shall make thy mercies
knowne.

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In thy Tabernacle, O
Lorde. I will dwell for ever:
and my defence & covering
shall be vnder thy wings.

King of Kings, and Lorde
of lordes, deliuer me from a-
mong the wicked: that I
may giue thanks to thy holy
name, and make my boast of
thy praise.

Let all nations whom thou
hast made, reioyce and wor-
ship thee, let them praise and
glorifie thy name.

Spake me, O Lorde, to vn-
derstand

of prayers.

Understand thy truth: and knit
my heart vnto thee, that I
may seare thy name.

Nowe and euer, O Lorde,
turne thee vnto me, and haue
mercie vpon mee: giue thy
strength vnto mee, and suc-
cour me.

I praised bee the name of
the most hie God, that hath
set his glorie farre aboue all
the heauens.

Preserue my soule O God,
and all the powers thereof,
that it may cleane last, and
be

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be loued to mee: for thou art
the flowing fountaine of all
perfect felicitie.

Quicknen mee in all good
wozkes, O Lorde, and heare
the prayer of me thy servant:
O hide not thy face from mee
in the time of trouble.

Remember thy loving
kindnes, O Lord, and shewe
mee some good token of thy
loue towarde mee, that they
which hate mee, may see it,
and bee ashamed: because
thou

of praiers

thou Lord hast holpen and
comforted me.

Sorely thou Lord art good
and gracions: yea, exceeding
mercifull art thou vnto all
that in which call vpon thee.

Thou art the God that ha-
test iniquitie, because thou
art Righteousnesse it selfe:
thou hearest the prayer of the
penitent.

Vnto thee therefore, O
Lord, will I performe my
vowes: and I will giue thee
thanks both now and ever-
more,

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more world without end.

World without ende will
praise thee, & extoll the mag-
nificence of thy most Holy
name: O giue mee Grace
good Lord so to do, Amen.

The Antheme.

Save mee, good Lord, wa-
king, & keepe me sleeping,
that I may wake in Christ,
and rest in peace,

The versicle.

Lord heare my prayer.

The

of prayers.

The Answer.

And let my crie come vnto thee.

The versicle.

Turne thee vnto me, O God.

The Answer.

And shew me the light of thy countenance.

A prayer for quiet sleepe.

O Lord God, I beseech thee to enlighten my darknesse: and deliuer mee from all the dangers of this night.

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might, O mercifull Lord thro-
rough thy son Iesus Christ,
who liueth and reigbeth with
thee in vnitie of the holy ghost
worlde without end, Amen.

Another prayer for life
euerlasting.

O moste glorious King,
who art alwayes to bee
praised amongst the Holy
people more than tongues, or
heart can expresse: I call vpon
on thy holy Name. Be thou
ther-

of praiers.

therfore present with me, &
forsake me not, O Lord my
God: but in the day of iudge-
ment vouchsafe, O Blessed
King, to place mee amongst
thine elect and holie People,
that I may behold the glori-
ous countenance of thy di-
vine Maiestie, and bee filled
with the exceeding sweetnes
of thy presence, which is the
fode of Life Everlasting.
Graunt this for thy mercies
sake, Amen.

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The seuenth Psalm alpha- betically:

Containing an inuocation vppon
God for his helpe: also a complaint
of Christs periecutted Church, vn-
der the borrowed speech or name
of a Vineyard, against the
enimies of Gods
truth.

Atend vnto my
cry, O lord, con-
sider and heare
me, O my God,
lighten the eyes of my soule,
that I sleepe not in death: for

of praiers.

if I be cast downe, they that
trouble me will reioyce.

Be present therefore with
me O God, and defend me
from the wapes of the vngod-
lie: and out of the handes of
the vnrighteous and cruell
man deliuer me.

Consider that euen in thy
feare I worshippinge thee, O
Lord, toward thy holy Tem-
ple: bee mercifull vnto mee,
and heare the request of my
heart.

Double blest are all that
A lill. O well

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Dwell in thy house: they will
alwayes bee praſſing & mag-
niſying thee, O God.

Eternall God haue mercie
on me, haue mercie vpon me,
euen as thou haſt promiſed
to them which doo loue thy
Name.

Faithfully will I call on
thee, O Lorde my ſtrength:
I will truſt in thee (which art
the hozne of my Salvation)
& in my trouble will I com-
plaine vnto thee O my God.
Gratiouſly guide mee in thy
truith,

of prayers.

ituld, and keepe thy seruant
from pꝛesumptuous sinnes,
least they gette the Domini-
on ouer mee: so shall I bee
vndefiled and innocent from
the greatest offence.

Hear me I beseech thee,
O Lorde ponder the wordes
of my mouth, and let the me-
ditations of my heart bee
alwayes acceptable in thy
sight: let my prayers bee in
thy sight as the incense, and
the lifting vp of my handes
as

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as an euening sacrifice.

In iustice Lord arise, and
stretch forth thine hand : so
lo, the heathen are fallen in-
to thine heritage: thy Holp
Temple haue they defiled
wherein thou hast putte thy
name, and made it an heape
of stones.

King of Glorie, beholde the
dead bodies of thy seruantes
giuen vnto the sowles of the
Aire to bee deuoured : and
the bones of thy saintes bur-
ned and consumed with fire.
Looke

of prayers.

Looke Lorde, how cruelite
on euerie side they haue shed
like water the Blood of the
faithfull : and haue thought
scorne to burie their dead bo-
dies.

Most deceitfully haue they
crept into thine habitation:
and with mocking and deri-
ding haue they, O Lorde, spo-
ken against thee.

Right and day haue they
opened their mouths against
thee: yea euen in the middell
of thy Temple haue they, O

Lorde

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Lozde, blaipbamed thy holy
Name, and haue not ceased
to do wickedly.

O Lord forget not, I be-
seeb thee, how cruelly this
wicked people haue denou-
red Jacob thy chosen, & laid
waste thy dwelling place.

Pleade thine owne cause,
O God everlasting : and let
the vengeance of thy ser-
uants blond, which is shedde
be openly shewed vppon the
wicked in our sight, that we
thy people and sheepe of thy
pasture

of praiers.

pasture, may topsoile be:
Blessed be our God Jehona,
for ever and ever.

Quaile and appall the ma-
lice of thine enemies. O thou
shepheard of Israell, and
comfort thy Church. O thou
that leadeest Jacob like a flock
of sheepe, how long wilt thou
be angrie ouer the prayers of
thy people?

Remember that in Egypt
thou hadst a vineyard, which
thou broughtest amongst the
heathen, thou plantedst it
there,

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there, and it tooke root, so that the high hills; and the whole lande were covered. with the shadow of it: and so were the strong Cedar trees with the boughes thereof.

So wonderfull was the increase of it, after it had taken roote: and so famous the name of it among all people and nations.

Thou hast notwithstanding suffered the hedge thereof to bee broken downe, so that the wild Beere out of the wood

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wend hath rooted it vp: and the
beastes of the feldes haue de-
voured the grapes thereof.

Alppe Lord, thou God of
hostes: let them perish in thy
wrath, that thus haue de-
stroyed and layed waste this
thy pleasant Vine, whose
branches spread from Sea to
Sea.

Wee beseech thee for thy
pities sake, O Lord to pre-
uent the malicious enemies
of this thy fruitfull Vine:
and so shall wee with heart
and

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and voice laud and praise thy
holy name, Amen.

Glorie bee to the Father, e
to the Son, and to the Holy
Ghost:

As it was in the beginning,
is now & ever shall be worlde
without end, Amen.

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Preſerue thy Vineyard,
good Lord, from all wild
bores, beaſts, wolues and ra-
uenous beaſtes which ſeeke
to late it waſte and to turne
it

of praiers.

it to a wilderness, Amen.

The versicle.

Lord arise like a Giant re-
freshed with new wine.

The Answer.

And scatter abroad the
enemies of thy Church.

The versicle.

Lozde looke downe from
Heauen, and beholde thy
Wineyard.

The answer.

Even the Wineyard which
thy right hand hath planted.

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The versicle.

Repaire the fences thereof
and make it durable.

The Answer.

And let them bee confoun-
ded that will not bee conuer-
ted.

Let vs pray.

Lozbe }
Christ } hane mercy vpon vs
Lozbe }

O The Father which art in
heauen, hallowe thy
name. Thy kingdom come. ec

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of prayers.

A prayer to God in the per-
son of the Church, against the
persecutors of the
same.

Deliver thou vs, O Lorde
from the vngodlye and
stiffe necked persons: for thou
seest that in their hearts they
imagine mischief, and haue
pleasure to eate vp & deuoure
thy chosen. Their tooings bee
more sharpe than the sting
of Adders: and vnder their
lips lurketh poyson. But O
mercifull Lorde, let vs not
fall

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fall into their handes, leaſt
they abuſe vs after their own
luſts. Looke down from hea-
uen thine habitation, wee
beſeech thee, on thy diſperſed
ſheepe: and ſtrengthen our
weaknes againſt their ſuri-
ous rage. Abate thir pride,
allwaie their malice, con-
founde their deuiles, where-
with they liſt bp themſelues
againſt Chriſt Ieſus thy
Son our Lord and Sauour.
For we are not able of our
ſelues to ſtand againſt their
aſſaults

of praiers.

assaults, except thy undeser-
ued grace and mightie arme
defend and deliuer vs. Per-
forme therefore thy promises
made to Jacob thy seruant,
and stop the mouthes of thy
cursed enemies. Call to re-
membzance thy ally sheepe,
and forgive all those that wil-
fully and obstinately rebell
not against thy holie worde.
Looke also wee beseech thee
vpon thy poore dispeared,
which for thy trueth sake are
compelled to wander from
Liii. place

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place to place : and rid them
out of their daly greeuances ,
that wee may all with one
voice, bryght hart, and plea-
sant countenance, extoll and
magnifie thy Holy Name.
Amen.

Another of the Church
persecuted or
afflicted.

A Wise M^r Lozde, looke on
this thy Vineyard , that
it bee not deuoured of the
wicked haters thereof : Let
thyne enemies bee scattred:
the

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the righteous, O Lord, make
thou pleasant and merrie: let
them blaze abroad thy mag-
nificence, let them sing prai-
ses and pleasant songs unto
thee, let them most highly
advance thy maiestie, let thy
glorie spring and growe, let
the kingdome of Christ from
heauen among thy chosen, be
enlarged: Bee thou, O holy
father, the protector of them
whome the world forsaketh,
and pursueth for Christs
sake. Howe dyte O Lorde is
the

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the flocke of thine heritage:
Dowze downe largely, wee
pray thee therefore, the shou-
ers of thy Grace, that the
Church thy spouse may deale
large spoiles of conquered
latan. In thy house O Lord
let vs dwell in peace and con-
cord: give vs all one hart, one
minde, and one true interpre-
tation of thy worde, that all
such as beleene in thee, tho-
rough Christ our Lord, may
advantage and lift thee up with
praises: Give to thy people
courage

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courage and power to withstand sinne, and to obey thy word in al things. Grant it so to be, most mercifull Lord, for thy sonne Iesus Christes sake, Amen.

A prayer for the Kings
Maiestie.

O Heavenly Father,
G D D almightie,
whose Kingdome is
everlasting, and power infinit,
whiche of thy goodnes hast
vouch.

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bouchlased to restoze vnto
vs of the English nation the
light of the holy Gospell, by
thy chosen servant and My-
nister James, our most Gra-
tious Soueraigne Lorde:
I beseech thee, O good
Lorde, so to rule his heart,
that hee knowing thy will,
may alwayes incline to doe
the same effectuallie. And
granne that wee his subjects,
only considering the Royall
authoritie and power which
thou hast giuen him, may tro-
lie.

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lie and faithfully serue, honoꝝ
& humble obey him in thee
& foꝝ thee : accordyng as thou
hast commanded vs in thy
blessed and holie worde, tho-
rough Iesus Christ our Lord
to whom with thee & the he-
ly ghost, be all honoꝝ and glo-
ry foꝝ euer, Amen.

A prayer for quiet rest, and
preseruatiō from all
dangers.

O Mercifull God, and bea-
nenlie Father, whe-
ther I sleepe oꝝ wake, lene

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or die, I am alwaies thine.
Wherefore, I beseech thee
heartlie, that thou wilt
be so good to take charge and
care of mee, and not to suffer
me to perish in the woakes of
darkenesse, but to kindle the
light of thy countenance
in my heart, that thy godlie
knowledge may daylie in-
crease in mee, thozough a
right and pure faith, and that
I may alwaies bee sounde
to walke and liue after thy
will and pleasure : thzough
Jesus

of praiers.

Jesus Chriſt our Lozde and
Santour, Amen.

Another to the ſame
purpose.

O Lozde grant me thy light,
that I beeing deliuered
from the darkenes of ſin, may
come to the veris light which
is Chriſt. Ioh. 1. 9. & 8. 12. &
8. 5. & 12. 35.

Another prayer to the ſame
effect.

Lighten my darkenes, I
beſeech thee, O Lozde:
and

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and by thy great mercie defend me from all the perilles and dangers of this Night, that after my sleepe I may safely awake, to the praise and glozie of thy Name, thorough Christ thy Sonne our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keepe my hart & minde, in the knowledge and love of God, and of his sonne Iesus Christ our Lorde. And the

of praicrs.

the blessing of God the Father, the sonne, and the holie ghost bee with me, & remaine with me alway, Amen.

¶ Certain nominall
Psalmes and prayers very profitable to be exercised.

The first nominall Psalm to God
the Father.

Offer vnto thee O
holie Father the Sa-
crifice of laude and
praise : rendering vnto thee
(which

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(which art most high) the
calves of my lips,

Of thy goodnes, O Lord
thou madest mee: and of thy
mercie redeemedst me.

Hear therefore the prayers
of thy servant O lord, & turn
thy eares vnto me thy poore
creature, whom thou hast fa-
shioned and made.

Right and day wil I pray
vnto thee: beseeching thee, O
God, that the thought & me-
ditation of my hart may be
accep-

of praiers.

acceptable before thee.

My mouth shall neuer
cease to speake of thy righte-
ousnes: and my lips shall not
rest to sette forth thy laude
and praise.

O Lorde and holy father,
I beseech thee, that the in-
ward desire of my hart may
moue and incline thee to
heare me.

Righteousnes is thine, and
iudgement is thine: before
thee doe I accuse my sinfull
wates, that I may come
again

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againē vnto thy grace and
sauiour.

Extend not therefore, O
holte Father, thy red of pu-
nishment on mee: but shew
on mee thy mercie, although
my defaults and sinnes bee
manie.

Glorie be to the ec.

A prayer for Christs suffe-
rings and the effects of
the same.

O Holte Father, remem-
ber not the offences of
my youth, but thinke vpon
thy

of praiers.

thy great mercies, and vpon
thy covenant made vnto me
in Christ Iesus thy Sonne,
my only advocate and medi-
ator. He it is, O holy father,
whome thou didst send to bee
the obtainer of mercye for
my sinnes. Hee was made
weake, to make mee strong.
Hee was wounded for mine
offences: He gave his bodie
to be beaten, & his cheekes to
be smitten. He turned not a-
way his face from them that
scoꝛned him, and spat vppon
¶ It. him

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him. He gave himselfe vnto death for them which were offenders. Through his lone and mercie he hath redeemed them that were lost : and by his bloodshedding vpon the crosse, hath pacified al thys in heauen & in earth. Behold holie father therefore, who it is that thus suffered: and forgive the sinne that is redeemed, for this thy Sonne Iesus Chrystes sake. Write in my heart O Lord holie Father, true lone of thy law and great

of praiers.

great hate of all sinne : that
I may bee toozthie, thozough
the merites of his death and
passion, to dwell with him,
and thee everlastingly : to
whom with thee and the holy
ghost, be al honoz, pzaise, and
glozie, Amen.

A praier for the obtaining
of a godly life.

O Heauenlie Father,
God Almighty, ma-
ker of Heauen, earth
and all thingz contained in
them : I beseech thee, that
Thou

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thou wilt vouchsafe of thy
goodnesse to direct, sanctifie,
and keepe my hart and body,
my senses, my doings, my
talke, and communication
in thy holy lawes, and in
the woꝝkes of thy comman-
dements. Vouchsafe also,
O L O R D, that thy helpe
Angell may be with mee, to
direct my feete in the waye of
peace, truth, and health, that
I may endeuoꝝ to bee whole,
safe, and free in thee, and by
thee, both here & in the woꝝlde

of praiers.

to come. Thou that art the sa-
uour of the worlde, and the
king of glorie heare mee, and
save me: which livest & reig-
nest God in perfect unitie,
worlde without end, Amen.

A praier to God the Father:
wherein we desire to do those
things which may
please him.

O Heauenly Father, haue
pittie and compassion
vpon the weakenelle of mee
thine vntowzthie childe. Wee
Pitt. thou

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thou preſt and readie, O ho-
lie father, to helpe mee, al-
waies ſhewing thy mercie
vpon mee, and proſper thou
mee in whatſoener I goe a-
bout: ſo that thou giuing mee
light, I may ſee what things
are acceptable befoze thee:
and thou encouraging mee, I
may haue an earneſt deſire
to do them: and thou beeing
my guide, I may obtaine and
enioy them. For I hauing
nought but miſtruſt in my
ſelfe, doe peeelde and commit
my

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my selfe fully and wholly vn-
to thee alone, which woꝝkest
all thyngs in all creatures
to thy honour and
gloꝛie, A-
men.

The second nominall
Psalme to God the
Sonne,

I Am ashamed, O Lorde,
to lift vppe mine eyes vn-
to thee, because my sinnes,
which are manie, are as-
cended and come befoꝛe thee.

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O thou almighty, to whom
all things are knowne, shew
vpon mee thy mercie: yea,
euen in the sight of the Chil-
dren of men.

Hear me, O Lord, being
penitent, whome thou hast
hitherto patiently suffered: to
the intent I shold repent and
amend.

Naked and bare I came
into this world, O Lord: na-
ked and bare I shall retorne
again.

My heart dooth saie, my
soule

of praiers.

ſoule is troubled **O** my God
and my Lord : & my ſtrength
is all gone from me.

O Lord make ſtrong thy
humble and vnwooꝝthie ſer-
uant, that my ſoy may be al-
waies in thee.

Receiue mee of thy good-
neſſe, **O** Lord, into thy fa-
uour : and ſhew thy merchie
vpon me, for thou art merci-
full.

Extend thy gracious fa-
uour towards mee, and haue
regarde to my request : ſo
ſhall

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That I reioyce in thy heauenly
Majestie.

Glorie bee to the Father,
and to the sonne, &c.

As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever, &c.

The prayer to Christ our Saviour.

O my sweete Saviour
Christ Iesu, which
didst say, I will not the death
of a sinner, but that he live &
convert. Eze. 18. 31. Touch-
safe, I beseech thee, to looke
upon

of prayers.

upon mee most wretched sinner,
with those mercifull
eyes, with which thou once
didst behould and look upon
Peter, bitterlie weeping in
the court of Pilate. Mar, 16.
75. Marke 14.72. Lu. 22.62
Wherewith also thou diddest
looke upon Marie Magdalen
the penitent, at the feast of
Simon. Mathew, 26.6.7.8.
&c, Marke, 14.3.4.5, &c.
Mark, 16.9. Luk. 8.22. Iohn
11. 2. & 12. 3.4.5. Likewise
upon the theese hanging on
the

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the crosse Luk. 23. 40. 41. and
cause mee through thy great
goodnesse, that I may wo-
chily bewaile my sinnes, and
weepe with Peter and Pa-
rte, to lone thee with a pure
and perfect lone: and with the
these, that I may behold and
see thee, which with God the
Father, and the Holte Ghost
reignest God world without
end, Amen.

A

of prayers.

A prayer to the name
of Iesu.

O Beautiful IESU,
O sweete Iesu, O Iesu
Sonne of the pure Virgine
Marie, full of mercie & truth,
O sweete Iesu, after thy
greate mercie, haue mercie
vppon me. O benigne Iesu,
I pray thee by the same pre-
cious blood, which for vs mi-
serable sinners thou wast
content to shed vpon the al-
tar of of the Crosse, that thou
wilt

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wilt boucheafe cleane to take
away all my sinnes and wic-
kednesse, and not to despise
mee, humbly calling vpon
thy name. This name Iesus
is a sweete name: this name
Iesus is the name of health.
For what is Iesus but a Sa-
uour? Esay, 7.14. Matth. 1,
21. Luke 2.21. Actes. 4.12
Phil. 2.9. 10.11. O good Je-
sus, which hast created me, &
with thy pretious bloude re-
deemed me, suffer mee not to
be damned, whom thou hast
made

of praiers.

made of nought. O good Ie-
su, lette not my wickedness
destroy me, whome thine Al-
mightie goodnes made and
formed. O good Iesu, ac-
knowledge that which is
thine in me; and take cleane
away that which draweth
mee from thee. O good Iesu
when time of mercie is, have
mercie vppon mee, and con-
founds mee not in the time of
thy terrible Iudgement. O
good Iesu, though that I a
most wretched sinner for my

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sinnes, haue (by thy vertue
iustice) deserved eternall
paine, yet I appeale from
thy iustice, & sedasly trust
in thine vnspokeable mer-
cie: not doubting, but that
thou wilt haue mercy vpon
me, like a meeke father, and
mercifull Lord. O good Iesu
what profite is in my blood,
seeing I must descende into
corruption; Certainly they
that are dead shall not mag-
nifie thee, nor they that goe
downe to hell, O good Iesu
haue

of prayers.

haue mercie vpon mee. O
swete Iesu deliuer mee. O
moſt meeke Iesu, bee com-
fortable vnto mee. O swete
Iesu, accept mee a wretched
ſinner, into the number of
them that ſhall bee ſaued. O
Iesu, the healeth of them that
beleene in thee, haue mercie
vpon mee. O swete Iesu,
the forgiver of all my ſinnes,
O Ieſu the Sonne of the
pure Virgine Marie, endue
me alwaies with thy grace,
wiſdome, charitie, chaſtite.

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humilitie, and with steadfast
patience in all mine aduersi-
ties: so shall I perfectlie loue
thee, and in thee bee glorified,
and haue my onely delight
in thee, worlde without ende,
Amen.

The thirde nominal Psalm
to God the holic

Ghost.

Heauenly Fa-
ther, if I haue
founde Grace
and saueur in
thy sight, suf-
fer

of prayers.

see me a little to speake vnto
thee, and bee no moze angrie
with me.

Eternall God, which by
thy wisdome rulest al thinges,
giue me thy holy spirite that
I beeing ever guided by the
same, may neuer be confoun-
ded.

Nowe Lord, euen now,
and in all times of need haile
thee to comfort the Soule of
thy seruant. O let thy wis-
dome leade and guide mee in
the path of true knowledge.

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Riches of golde and silver
are Drosse in respect of this
wisdome : O blessed is the
man that hath his Delight
therein.

I beseech thee my G O D,
make thou a perpetual a-
bode with me, & sende downe
from thy throne of Maiestie
the dewe of thy grace, into
my hart, that I may alwaies
please thee.

Carnestly, O Lords, I be-
seech thee to bee with mee in
euerie place : and powze in
to

of praiers.

to mee that most excellent
gift of Charitie, without the
whiche no man is perfect be-
foze thee.

Dere father arise, and de-
clare thy glozie vnto thy ser-
uant. I sende downe from
heauen thy spirit of wisdom,
that I maie haue the true
taste thereof.

Early and late do I cal vp-
on thee: incline thine eare vn-
to me, O God, that these my
humble praiers may ascend
vp before thee.

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Neuer thelesse, Norbe, not
my will but thy will be don,
in earth as it is in Heauen:
as from the beginning, so to
the worlds end.

Humble will I giue atten-
dāce vpo thy merciful hand,
waite for thy saving health, &
open my mouth wide that
thou maiest fill it.

O my God, behold mee a
seely soule gaping for the
moistening showers of thy
grace, like a barren and drie
land where no water is.

of praiers.

My supplication is directed
vnto thee, O Lorde God
of hostes, ponder the wordes
of my mouth, & consider the
present estate of thy seruant,
craving of thee the spirite of
sanctification and holinesse.

Glorie bee to the Father,
and to the Sonne, and to the
holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall bee,
world without end, Amen.

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A prayer to the Holy Ghost
for sundrie spirituell
graces.

O Holie spirit of God, the
thirde person of the Dei-
ty, who by thy diuine grace
orderest all things: plant in
mee alwayes an infallible
knowledge of thy trueth: O
thou which art called, The
Cóforter, The liuely Foun-
tayne of the Deitie, The Fire
of Charitie, The Finger of
Gods

of prayers.

GODS owne hande, which
enricheth & filleth the hearts
of the faithfull, with the sweet
tast of thy worde promised:
breach into my heart a pure
faith, that I maie acknow-
ledge thee very god, god with
the Father and the Sonne.
Thou leauenfold disposer of
the gistes of God: The hope
of ioye celestiaall: poure into
my heart the deaue of thy
Grace, that being filled with
the sweetnes thereof, I may
obey thy blessed will. O thou
God

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God eternall; G O D equall
with the FATHER, and the
SONNE, make strong my
Soule and Bodie, that I, by
thy gracions ayde, maie o-
uercome the assaultes of my
ghostly enimie: O thou one-
lie Schoolemaster and guide
of Gods Elect, graunt that
I may beleue and confesse
God the Father, and Iesus
Christ his Sonne, with the
the Spirit proceeding from
them both, to be one God, in
persons three, and euerla-
sting

of prayers.

King in battell: to whom be
given all laude, praise, hono-
r and glozie, for evermore, A-
men.

A prayer to the blessed
Trinitie.

O Holy, blessed and glo-
rious Trinitie, the Fa-
ther, the Sonne and the Ho-
lie Ghost, three persons, and
one God, haue mercie vpon
me: Lord omnipotent, and
God everlasting, without
be-

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beginning or ending, wherein
we do confesse one in Trini-
tie, and thre in Unitie : I
praise thee, I worship thee,
I glorifie thee, I give hearty
thanks to thee, for thy mer-
cifull goodnesse and clemen-
cie, which wouldest that I,
being in the darknesse of all
error and ignorance, should
be made partaker of this thy
grace and mercie. I beseech
thee also, most blessed and glo-
rious Trinitie, bring thou to
passe in mee the worke of
thy

of prayers.

thy mercenall goodnes began
in mee, and lead me in all pie-
tie and godlinesse. O cause
me alwaies to thinke, speak,
and doe those thinges which
shall be acceptable in thy
sight, that after this life, I
may haue the fruition of thy
Deitie : which liuest and
reignest, God in perfect
vnitie, world with-
out end, Amen.

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A prayer to be said in the
time of extreame
sicknes.

O Lord Jesus, which wast
borne for my sake, didst
suffer hunger and thirst for
my sake, didst pray and fast
for my sake, finally didst all
good works & deeds for my
sake: yea & gavest thy most
precious bodie to die, and thy
blood to bee shedde upon the
Crosse for my sake: lette all
these things profite mee. And
grant also, that in the verie
ago.

of prayers.

agonies of death, my heart
maie crie out to thee, though
my toong be tied, and say: O
Lord, into thy handes I giue
and commend my soul: lord
Iesu receiue my Soule into
thy handes: Acts. 7. 59. ¶ For
thou hast redeemed mee, O
thou God of truth: which li-
uest and reignest God ever-
lasting, with the Father and
the holie ghost, Amen.

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A prayer vpon the seven petitions of the Lords prayer.

The first petition:

O Almighty God,
which vouchsafed that wee, as
it were thy hea-
uenly Chilsren, shoulde e-
uerie one of vs, call thee our
Heauenly Father: graunte
that alwaies among vs, by
purentelle of liuinge, thy
most

of prayers.

most holy name may be sanctified, that all other nations beholdinge the Clergionnes doctores, which thou workest in vs, may bee stirred vp to blesse and glozifie thee.

2. Grant O Lord, that the Kingdome of thy Grace and mercie, may reigne continually in our heartes, that we may bee partakers of the kingdome of thy glorie and maiestie.

3. Grant that vnto the
O. It. very

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berie death we refuse not to
followe thy diuine will, and
that wee according to the ex-
ample of the celestially Citiz-
ens, agreeing quietly togi-
ther, vnited in spirite, and all
controuerſie in opinion laide
apart, the lusses of the flesh
being subdued, and al flat-
tering assaults of the world
and the diuell overcome, may
neuer wrestle against thy
most holie will.

¶ 4 Graunt, O Lorde, for
our bodies needefull suste-
nance

of prayers.

nance, that wee may the
moze freely serue thee. Giue
vs (we beseech thee) O mer-
cifull Father that heauenlie
bread, euen the body of thy
Sonne Iesus Christ, the ve-
rie foode and health of our
soules. Giue vs the bread of
thy diuine preceptes, that we
may truly walke and liue
in them: giue vs the bread of
thy heauenly worde, which
is the strong fortresse & sure
defence of our soules: that
wee being well fed, and filled
Ditt. with

The Alphabet

with this lode, may worthily
come to that heauenly ban-
quet, where is no hanger.

5 Grant, O Lorde, that
wee may patiently beare
with our enemies, suffer such
as hurt vs, and willingly
forgiue the offences commit-
ted against vs: that wee may
finde thee, O Lorde, mild and
merciful in forgiving vs our
trespasses.

6 Graunt, O Lorde, that
wee bee not bitterly led into
temptation

of praiers.

temptation, that thereby we
should be lost: but in all p.
rikes, and in the midst of the
tempests of tribulations,
let vs thy churche perceiue
and seele thy fatherly succor
readie to helpe vs.

7 Finally, grant, O
most mercifull Father, that
wee thorough thy benigne
goodnes maye bee deliuered
from all evils present and to
come, both of bodie and soule:
that the Duke of the foule
fiend. sathan, being shaken
Ditt. ctt

The alphabet

off at the last, wee may pos-
seſſe the heritage of thy hea-
uenly Kingdome, which thy
Sonne, with his pretious
blood, bought for vs thy chil-
dren. To thee, O our father,
and the holy ghost, be all
glorie and honoz, now
and ever, Amen.



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A Comfortable Meditati-
on of the reconciliation made
betweene God the Father,
and miserable mankinde, by the
oblation of Iesus Christ
the immaculate Lambe.



Almighty God, Fa-
ther of my Lord and
Saviour Christ, be-
hold the most high &
precious thing that
I can find, the same have I offered
vnto thee: and the thing of most esti-
mation that I could find, that have
I humbly presented vnto thee:

name

A Godly

nauicly, thy deare Sonne Christ.
I haue kept nothing, but in him
I haue declared it to thy Diuine
Maiestie : There is nothing re-
maining that I may adde more,
because I haue committed & be-
taken my whole hope vnto him.
I haue, O holy father, sent vnto
thee my advocat and spokesman
even thy welbeloued son : I haue
sent thy glorious Childe to be a
mediator for me. I haue sent him
as an Intercessor, by whome I
trust to get pardon & forgiveness
of my sinnes: I haue sent, O mer-
ciful Father worde vnto worde,
that is God vnto G D D : as
saith thine Apostle : In the be-
ginning was the worde, and the
word

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worde was with God, &c. Iohn. I. I.
2. &c. which worde was sent
downe from thee for my misdeeds:
and did take vpon him my huma-
nitie & nature, where he thought
no scoone to suffer buffetts, bondes
spittings, and mockings: yea, hee
tooke vpon him to suffer the cruel
paines of the Crosse, Iron nailes
ranginge his handes and feete:
and after diuers punishmentes,
gaue vp his holy spirit, and was
reckoned among the dead. Looke
he e O merciful Father, vpon
thy Sonne, whom thou didst be-
gette, and vpon a bonde seruant
whom he redeemed. Beholde here
a Creature, and refuse not a Crea-
ture. Receiue the Shepherde
swell

A Godly

welcome with a gentle and louing
countenance, and mercifully looke
vpon the shepe, which hee hath
brought home to the ninetie and
nine. Matthew. 18. 12. Luke. 15. 14.

Behold, O Lord, my King, & my
God, which like a good shepheard
rememb'reth to thee that which thou
dost commit to his charge. I was
able O holy father, by my selfe to
offend thee, but I was not able of
my selfe to appease & pacifie thee.
If thou therefore despise me, as it
were right for mine iniquitie, yet
at the leastwise, mercifully looke
vpon me, for the sake of thy onely
begotten son. Looke O holy fa-
ther, vpon the sacrifice of his flesh,
& pardon the offences of my flesh:
and

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and because flesh hath stirred thee
to anger, I beseech thee
more thee to mercy: that as flesh
hath seduced and lead me to sinne.
so flesh may get and obtayne for
me, remission of sinnes. For it is
much that mine iniquitie hath de-
served: but yet much more that
the goodness of my redeemer more
euen of right require. Mine un-
righteousnesse is great, but yet, O
holy Father his righteousness is
greater. wherefore most omni-
potent Creator of all things, pardon
mine offences, for the miserable
travels and paines that thy be-
loved Sonne did sustaine. For I
beseech thee, O merciful Father,
let his goodnesse be set against my

sinne.

A meditation

hookednes, his modesty and tem-
perance, against my lechoueselle and
raughtinesse: his mekenesse a-
gainst my fierce crueltie. Let his
humilitie recompence my pride,
his patience mine impatience, his
gentlenesse mine ungentlenesse, his
obedience, my disobedience, his
quietnesse mine unquietnesse, his
meeknesse towardnesse my bitter
bocherousse, his fowle easynesse
and gentlenesse, mine anger and
stertyfart crookednes: To con-
clude, O Godlie Father, let his
mercies make amendes for mine un-
derstandingnes: to whome with the
holp ghost, bee all honours &
glory, both now and e-

uer, Amen.

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